(a) to (d) All India Institute of Medical Sciences is planning to upgrade their facilities and a detailed Master Plan has laready been submitted to Delhi Urban Arts Commission. Faculty members have been involved in the preparation of the Plan at various stages and their views and suggestions have been incorporated in the Plan. The Master Plan includes expansion of housing facilities, expanded hostel facilities, new institutional buidlings like Pay Wards, extended OPD, Digestion Centre, Renal Centre, Dental College, Captive Power Plan etc. extensive parking arrangements, boring of new tube wells, covering of nallah etc. The Project is expected to cost Rs.1300 crores and is planned to be implemented phasewise as part of vision 2025. The project has not been considered by the Government yet. Its implementation will depend on due clearances and availability of funds.

Black marketing of cancer drugs

2563. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines recently developed abroad to fight cancer which have not yet been approved for sale, are being stocked illegally by chemists and sold at exorbitant prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Doctors in private hospitals prescribe such medicines routinely and the patients are forced to procure them from black market at a very high price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken to end black marketing of such life-saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) Monitoring of sale of drugs is done by State Drugs Control Authorities.

Following a newspaper report about alleged sale of unapproved drugs in unauthorized manner by chemists, the matter has been taken up with all State Drugs Controllers for proper checks.

Some of the latest drugs which may be required in small quantities are not marketed in the country, as concerned manufacturers do not apply for their approval and marketing. For such drugs Government has made

provision under Drugs & Cosmetics Rules for import through personal licenses, which are issued to individual patient.

ACP to Allopathic System of Pharmacists

2564. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI GANDHI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2290 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the requisite clarifications have since been received from the DGHS/DOPT for grant of Assured Career Progression in case of Allopathic System of Pharmacists;

(b) if so, the details of the follow-up action taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action has already been initiated to grant financial upgradation to the eligible Pharmacists (Allopathic) working under the CGHS.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) above, the question does not arise.

AIDS orphan children

2565. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS orphan children in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how many are infected with the disease for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of budgetary and institutional support made and provided for their rehabilitation; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government/NGOs to protect the children during the last three years, State-wise?